

## REMARKS

Please reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

Claims 1-7, 18-21 and 30 are pending in the application. Claims 1-7, 18-21 and 30 remain pending following entry of this response. Claims 1, 18 and 30 have been amended. Applicants submit that the amendments do not introduce new matter.

Further, Applicants are not conceding in this application that those amended (or canceled) claims are not patentable over the art cited by the Examiner, as the present claim amendments and cancellations are only for facilitating expeditious prosecution of the claimed subject matter. Applicants respectfully reserve the right to pursue these (pre-amended or canceled claims) and other claims in one or more continuations and/or divisional patent applications.

### Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that the claims be allowed.

Respectfully submitted, and  
**S-signed pursuant to 37 CFR 1.4,**

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